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Iowa Board of Medicine opens page on 'Facebook'

DES MOINES, IA -- The Iowa Board of Medicine has established a page on the Internet social media network "Facebook" as one more way to distribute information about the Board's work to protect the public through careful licensure and thorough regulation of physicians and acupuncturists.

The page will be populated with announcements, meeting notices, and briefs on licensure and enforcement actions. Other information offerings will include FAQs and cross-references to the Board's website, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov

To find Iowa's page on Facebook, you'll need a Facebook account. Register at www.facebook.com

Iowa is among a handful of state medical boards that have established a presence on Facebook. In the Midwest, Ohio and Indiana boards report brisk activity by licensees and the public on their Facebook pages since they were opened last fall.

The Iowa Board of Medicine is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. The Board was established by law in 1886 to license physicians and to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery.